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Applicant: Saso et al.
Serial No.: 09/734,792
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For: Shipping Case Alternative

Group: 3728
Examiner: L. Bui
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	(2) * Claims Remaining After Amendment		(4)** Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims		Minus			\$ 18.00	
Independent Claims		Minus			\$ 80.00	
Multiple Claims					\$ 270.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$

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 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
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